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IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINES.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"PRINZ SIGISMUND" Capt. D. Leck	WEDNESDAY, 1st June, Daylight.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP and BREMEN	"DERFFLINGER" F. Prosch	WEDNESDAY, 1st June, Noon.
SHANGHAI, TSINGTAU, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"VORCK" Capt. J. W. Schumann	About WEDNESDAY, 1st June.
MANILA, YAP, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	"PRINZ SIGISMUND" Capt. D. Leck	SATURDAY, 18th June, Daylight

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Hongkong, 31st May, 1910.

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SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, TOKYO	Charbonnel		20th June, P.M.
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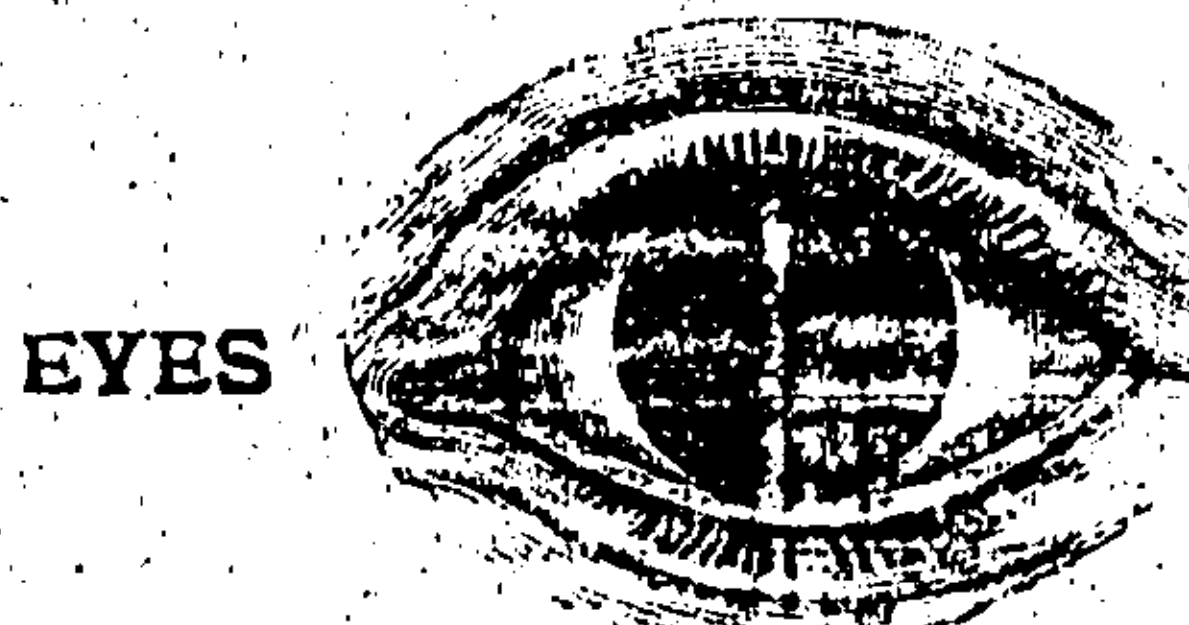
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Hongkong, 25th May, 1910.

Intimations.



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This remarkable compound, the result of the latest developments and achievements of modern chemistry, pharmacology, and physiology, is without equal in all cases of defective nerve power, whether induced by worry, over-work, unhealthy climate, dissipation, excess, youthful imprudence, or other influences incident to the wear and tear and haste of modern life. It restores vitality, invigorates the system, and builds up the brain, nerves, and muscles, and is a most valuable remedy for all cases of nervous debility, general and local weakness, general and nervous debility, faintness, nervousness, dizziness, headache, neuralgia, and all other ailments of the nervous system. It is a most valuable remedy for all cases of nervous debility, general and local weakness, general and nervous debility, faintness, nervousness, dizziness, headache, neuralgia, and all other ailments of the nervous system.

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Never before was there anything like it, nor can its marvellous properties ever be equalled in all cases of poor blood, impurity, or other impurities of the blood from whatever cause arising. No sooner is it introduced into the system than it permeates and penetrates to the minutest capillary, overcomes and expelling the virus of disease, and restores the blood to its normal state. It is a most valuable remedy for all cases of poor blood, impurity, or other impurities of the blood from whatever cause arising. No sooner is it introduced into the system than it permeates and penetrates to the minutest capillary, overcomes and expelling the virus of disease, and restores the blood to its normal state. It is a most valuable remedy for all cases of poor blood, impurity, or other impurities of the blood from whatever cause arising.

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Yokohama, April 28th, 1909.

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Steam launches, Steel lighters, Wooden lighters, Steam Cranes (travelling and stationary), Steam hoists, Ladderwork steam pile driver, Diving pump and dress, Hand grabs, Capstan, Hand winches, Driving pulley, Bolts and Nuts, Hook bolts, Clutch bolts, Barrel bolts, Galvanized spikes, Pile shoes, Chain hoists, Iron and Brass screws, Diffordange piles, Rolled Steel joists, Steel channels, Corrugated iron roofing, Roofing washers, Angle iron, Cast iron columns (suitable for building construction), Whitewashing machines, Canvas sewing machine, Patent Fire escape, "Wall's" light, "Kitson" light, Acetylene lamps, Hand pump, Theodolite and levelling staff, Roneo duplicator, Comptomaster, Telescope (on tripod), Office desks and cupboards.

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Hongkong, 31st May, 1910.

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Relief Scraps and Scrap Albums.

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CIGARS, CIGARETTES

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Hongkong, 31st September, 1907.

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GODOWNS, PRAYA EAST, formerly occupied by M. B. K.
OFFICES, No. 2, CONNAUGHT ROAD, 3rd Floor.
A HOUSE in WONG-WEI-CHUNG ROAD A HOUSE in RYAN TERRACE.
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Also NEW EUROPEAN FLATS adjoining the new Shamshu Institute, Praya East.

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Banker 27th April 1910.

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IN No. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Victoria Building, Rooms suitable for Offices.
FIRST FLOOR of No. 4, DES VUEX ROAD recently vacated by Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders.
ONE GODOWN in MASONS LANE.
Apply to—
DAVID SASSOON & CO., LD.
Hongkong, 4th April, 1910.

TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 4, PRAYA, Kennedy Town.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 22nd October, 1909.

TO LET.

NO. 3, CANTON VILLAS, Kowloon.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 24th February, 1910.

TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 5A, DODDLE STREET.
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THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 11th April, 1910.

NOTICE.

MR. LI HON FAN, a Chinese graduate versed in literature, has been a teacher to European officials and merchants in this Colony for over ten years.
He has a good method of training Europeans to pass in the Chinese examination, and is possessed of a first rate certificate as a Chinese teacher. He has also a good knowledge of Mandarin.
Those who intend learning the Chinese language are requested to write calls of *Hongkong Telegraph* office or direct to 37, Hollywood Road, and floor.

BULLION.

Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Co's Circular dated London, May 5, contains the following—
Gold.—The total amount of bar gold available was £1,000,000, of which India (£187,000) and the Continent absorbed about £400,000, and the remainder was acquired by the Bank of England. The Bank's stock of gold was also augmented on Monday by a record arrival of £2,600,000 in U. S. gold coin from the States, over £2,000,000 of which was brought over on the str. Kronprinzessin Cecilie. This represents the largest amount carried on one steamer, eastward bound, but close on £2,000,000 was carried by the str. Lusitania westward to New York, at the time of the last American financial crisis. The arrival of this parcel had an immediate effect on discount rates, although the market was already well aware that the shipment was on the way.

The following amounts were received by the Bank—

April 28, £	335,000 in bar gold.
" 28,	411,000 in U. S. gold coin from Paris.
" 29,	98,000 in bar gold.
" 30,	79,000 in bar gold.
" 30,	27,000 in sovereigns from Australia.
May 2,	90,000 in bar gold.
" 2,	2,600,000 in U. S. gold coin from New York.
" 3,	73,000 in U. S. gold coin from New York.
" 3,	135,000 in bar gold.
" 4,	925,000 in U. S. gold coin from New York.
" 4,	84,000 in bar gold.
Withdrawals were made as under:—	
April 28, £	17,000 in sovereigns for South America.
" 29,	2,000 in sovereigns set aside for Straits Settlements.
May 4,	350,000 in sovereigns for Holland.
" 4,	63,000 in sovereigns for Brazil.
" 4,	115,000 in sovereigns for South America.

The net influx during the week amounted to £4,115,000.

As pre-arranged, £300,000 which arrived from Egypt on Saturday was set aside for the Indian Currency Reserve.

A further £250,000 due from Egypt on May 13 has been purchased by the Secretary of State for India.

Silver.—The lowest price recorded last month was 24 pence for cash, the highest—exactly one penny above that figure—15 pence for a month, the latter quotation being a record since June 16, 1908.

Looking broadly at the movements during the month, the trend has been persistently upward.

On five days there has been a premium of 1/16d on forward silver. We append statistics:—
Cash. 2 mns.
Average: 24.48 24.75
Highest: 24 15/16d 25 d. on 30th
Lowest: 24 d. 24 1/16d. on 7th

Up to the close of April about \$700,000 had been shipped to India in excess of the corresponding period of last year. The amount for China is about the same.

We cannot help thinking that the greater demand is not likely to continue much longer on the same large scale as recently, especially as they have been able to secure a large amount (£100,000) direct from China during the last day or two. Indian speculators have already built up a large "bull" position on this market, so that the stock in India is no longer a reliable indication of the position over there.

On the other hand the China "bull" account here has been almost wiped out, and any important increase in the export trade from that country would cause further sales on their account to cease entirely, particularly if the price of cotton goods remains at its present level.

A shipment of 150,000 oz. was made from San Francisco to the Far East.

Messrs. Mocatta and Goldsmid's Circular dated London, May 6, says:—

Silver has been a very quiet market, in sharp contrast to the activity of the past few weeks. Although the price advanced again on 30th to 24 15/16d. and 25d. it has since sagged to 24 1/16d. and 24 1/2d. which we quote to-day with a steady tendency.

While buyers have not manifested much eagerness, selling has been on a small scale, the offerings from America in particular being rather lighter than usual.

Early in the week there were a few small sales from China, but the Eastern banks do not seem disposed to follow the price down in view of the imminence of the export season.

Gold was again in some demand for the Continent, but after satisfying this inquiry and the usual Indian orders, there remained about £60,000 which was secured by the Bank of England.

The arrivals for the week amount to £4,117,000; this includes £3,508,000 in United States coin, the last shipments of the recent purchases. The withdrawals total £330,000 in sovereigns for Holland and Brazil.

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS OF THE ITALIAN CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind patronage and support, and desires to state that she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds of NEEDLE WORK.
Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Ombre and Colours renewed on old ones.
Ladies and Children's Under-clothing, Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery, Mantles can be supplied, if required.

The Superiores will also be most grateful for any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES to be made, into Books for the Children of the Poor Schools who are taught by the Sisters.

Intimations.

PABST EXTRACT.

THE best TONIC for keeping in perfect health in the Tropics.

It is a liquid food in predigested form, containing all the bracing, soothing and toning effects of the choicest hops. Nearly Non-alcoholic.

Highly recommended by the local medical profession in cases of Debility after Malaria, from overwork or other causes; Anemia, Nervousness or Dyspepsia. Samples on application.

ALSO JUST RECEIVED—

PABST (American) BEER, in barrels of 120 bottles. In view of the arrival of the American fleet in a few days, please order early, as our stock is limited.

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Agents.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1900.

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GROUND FLOOR,
ST. GEORGE'S BUILDING,
HONGKONG,
SOAP AND SODA MANUFACTURERS.

SOLE AGENTS FOR
HARTMANN'S KAUTSCHU GENUINE COMPOSITION RED HAND BRAND, HARTMANN'S GREY PAINT, DAIMLER'S PATENT MOTOR LAUNCHES.

SOLE AGENTS for
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P. & O. SPECIAL LIQUEUR SCOTCH WHISKY, &c.

EVERY KIND OF
SHIP'S STORES AND REQUISITES
ALWAYS IN STOCK

REASONABLE PRICES.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1910.

JAPANESE MASSAGE.

Masour MEIJI SHA,

GRADUATE OF

KOBE MESSAGE SCHOOL.

ATTENDANCE AT

PATIENTS' RESIDENCE.

No. 171, WANCHAI ROAD,

GROUND FLOOR.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1910.

A TOO STABLE.

LEIGHTON HILL ROAD.

(next to No. 1, Police Station).

HAS established a SHOEING FORGE at Leighton Hill Road where Horses and Ponies can be shod by EXPERIENCED SHANGHAI FARRIERS by arrangement.

Shoeing of Horses and Ponies also undertaken at Kowloon on receipt of Owners' instructions.

PRICES:

At the Stables or anywhere in Hongkong, \$2 per animal.

At Kowloon, \$3 per animal.

A TOO STABLE.

Leighton Hill Road.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1910.

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By Order,
THE MANAGER,
Hongkong Telegraph Co., Ltd.
27th January, 1910.

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Dr. M. H. CHAUN,

DENTAL SURGEON,

35, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, 1ST FLOOR,

ROOMS 1 and 2.

From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Telephone 126.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1910.

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LATEST METHODS OF DENTISTRY.

STUDIO AT NO. 14, D'AGUIAR STREET.

REASONABLE FEES.

Consultation Free.

Hongkong, 19th June, 1904.

Intimation.

Powell's
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Department

FIRST FLOOR
Alexandra
Buildings.

CURTAINS

MADRAS MUSLIN

White and Ecru
Frisled 2 Sides
52 in. 60 in. and 70 in.
wide
in various patterns.

FLOUNCED MADRAS
BRISÉ BLINDS.

White and Ecru
24 in. and 36 in. long.

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in
White and Ecru
Frisled 2 Sides
in
Spot and Fancy De-
signs.

HARNESS MUSLIN

in
White and Ecru
unfrilled, 48 in. wide.
various sizes of Spot and
Fancy Patterns.

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Muslin Curtains Frisled
all round

3 1/2 yards long
in White and Ecru
\$4.50 per pair.

LACE CURTAINS

in great variety in
White, Ivory and Ecru.

POWELL'S
Alexandra
Buildings

Hongkong, 30th May, 1910.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,
TO-MORROW,
the 1st June, 1910, at 2.30 P.M., at their
Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road,
corner of Ice House Street,
SUNDRY VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE,
Comprising:—

TAPESTRY-COVERED DRAWING
ROOM SUITE, OVERMANTELS with
BEVELLED GLASS, BOOKCASE, HAT-
STAND with BEVELLED GLASS, DIN-
NER WAGON, SIDEBORD with BE-
VELLED GLASS, TEAKWOOD EXTEN-
SION DINING TABLE and CHAIRS,
DRESSING TABLE with BEVELLED
GLASS, MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS,
BRASS and BRASS-MOUNTED IRON
REDSTANDS, TEAKWOOD WARD-
ROBES with BEVELLED GLASS, A
Quantity of LANTERN CARVED BLACK-
WOOD WARE, GLASS, CROCKERY and
E.P. WARE, CARPETS and RUGS;

ALSO
A number of TYPEWRITERS, One
BICYCLE, A Few GOOD OIL PAINTINGS
and One COTTAGE PIANO.
Catalogues will be issued.
TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1910. [403]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions
from The Hon. The Captain Superin-
tendent of Police, to sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,

on
THURSDAY,
the 2nd June, 1910 at 11 A.M., at The Govern-
ment Gunpowder Depot, Green Island,
97 Bags of SALTPETRE.
TERMS:—As usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Government Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 30th May, 1910. [405]

Notice of Firm.

NOTICE.

CHINA COMMERCIAL TRADING
COMPANY, Merchants and Commis-
sion Agents, have this day been established at
No. 13, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, 2nd
Floor.
— Dated the 31st May, 1910.

LO YUK KEE,
Manager.

Intimations

OSMAN &
CASUM,

1 & 3, D'AGUILAR STREET

JUST UNPAKED

Ladies' Trimmed and Untrimmed
HATS, RIBBONS, FLOWERS
& FEATHERS.

MUSLIN and FIGURED VOILES.

LACE and EMBROIDERIES a speciality.

TABLE LINENS, SERVIETTES and
HOUSEHOLD LINENS.

Samples on application.

Cost Port Orders carefully
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Hongkong, 6th September, 1909. [404]

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LI KWONG LOONG & CO.

國泰傢俬公司
CABINET-MAKERS and ART DECORATORS.
From Shanghai, has re-opened their
FURNITURE STORE

No. 39, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.
The only Shop in Hongkong with this name

WHERE HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE
of every description can be made to
order in any design required.
Have been patronized by the Hongkong
Club, Hongkong Hotel, Telegraph Co.,
Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., and other
leading Establishments in the Colony, to
whom reference can be made as to the
Superior Workmanship and Materials of the
Furniture, etc., supplied.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., write as
follows:—
"We have pleasure in stating that Mr. LI
KWONG LOONG furnished the Ample
to our Dispensary and gave us every satis-
faction."
(Sd.) A. S. WATSON & Co.
25th May, 1910.

ORDERS punctually attended to, and
CHARGES most moderate.

AN INSPECTION INVITED.

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THE DEATH OF KING EDWARD.

THE LAST ILLNESS

The London papers of the 6th and 7th inst.
are devoted almost exclusively to the last ill-
ness and death of H. M. the late King Edward.
The *Globe* of the 6th inst. says:

"The scenes outside Buckingham Palace this
morning testified to the deep concern with
which the news of His Majesty's serious illness
has inspired dwellers in the capital. All through
the night there had been loiterers in the Palace
precincts, and as the morning wore on their
numbers were steadily increased by persons
of all ages and ranks of society, anxious
to know what the night had brought
forth. There was a momentary relief when
the picturesque ceremony accompanying the
changing of the guard was proceeded with as
usual. The soldiers entered the Palace Yard
with the file and drum band playing, and the
brass band in attendance, a circumstance
which seemed to show that there had been
no very grave development. Unhappily, the
optimism was short-lived, for just before eleven
o'clock the disquieting bulletin published above
was issued."

The Prince of Wales was anxiously awaiting
the news, as well as the Archbishop of Can-
terbury, who saw High Royal Highness im-
mediately after the doctor's report was received.

An earlier but unofficial intimation had been
made to the effect that His Majesty appeared
slightly better, the explanation of the difference
in the official report and the earlier intimation
being that those about His Majesty were de-
ceived by the fact that he had passed a com-
paratively quiet night, and assumed, therefore,
that there was some improvement. A detailed
examination by the physicians showed, says the
Press Association, that the bronchial tubes
instead of being better, were somewhat more
seriously affected, and hence the expression in
the bulletin that "His Majesty's condition gives
rise for grave anxiety."

Sir Francis Laking and Sir James Reid re-
mained at Buckingham Palace throughout the
night. About a quarter past ten o'clock this
morning Sir Douglas Powell joined his col-
leagues. The arrival of Sir Douglas Powell
made five doctors at the Palace, for Sir Francis
Laking and Sir James Reid had been joined
by two other practitioners.

During the night and early morning the
telegraph and telephone departments at the
Palace were kept particularly busy. Already
messages of inquiry and sympathy have been
received from all parts of the country.

The Queen was the earliest inquirer, as to
His Majesty's progress.
There were many callers at the Palace to-
day. Among them were the Archbishop of
Canterbury, Lord Rothschild, Lord Milner,
Lord A. Gordon-Leons, Sir Rufus Isaacs, Sir
William Adair, and Sir William Carrington.

The American Ambassador, the Belgian
Minister, and other representatives of the
Diplomatic Corps also called at the Palace.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF H. M.'S DEATH.
His Majesty's death was announced at Buck-
ingham Palace in the following terms:—

Buckingham Palace,
May 31st, 1910, 11.50 p.m.
His Majesty the King breathed his last at
11.45 to-night in the presence of Her Majesty
Queen Alexandra, the Prince and Princess of
Wales, the Princess Royal (Duchess of Fife),
the Princess Victoria, and Princess Louise
(Duchess of Argyll).

F. H. Laking, M.D.
James Reid, M.D.
Douglas Powell, M.D.
Bertrand Dawson, M.D.

The King died as he had lived—in harness.
He refused to stay in bed yesterday morning
but got up and even transacted business as
usual with Lord Knollys, his Private Secretary.
On the previous morning, it will be remem-
bered, he gave an audience to Lord Islington,
the new Governor of New Zealand.

He faced his illness with courage and deter-
mination; and except during the attacks of
coughing and choking, conversed as usual. He
had a bad paroxysm of coughing in the fore-
noon; and in the afternoon such paroxysms
recurred, till in the evening the attacks took
the form rather of failure of breath, and he be-
came comatose. But throughout he remained
up. During the attacks oxygen was, of course,
freely administered, and indeed, the air of his
room was thoroughly oxygenated.

The announcement made on Thursday that
the King was suffering from an attack of bron-
chitis and that his condition caused some an-
xiety, aroused fears in his subjects that were
not allayed by the bulletins issued yesterday.
The disquieting news of his Majesty's ill-health
came with a suddenness which banished all
thoughts of those various interests with which
the public had been recently concerned. It
had been generally believed that the King's
stay at Biarritz had removed all signs of ail-
ment, and his Majesty's activities since his re-
turn to England were held to corroborate that
belief. Even the bulletin issued on Thurs-
day did not cause great uneasiness beyond a
sympathy with his Majesty's suffering to
some persons who were able to recall the
rapid way in which the vigour of his consti-
tution enabled him to make a satisfactory
recovery from the operation which made a
postponement of the Coronation necessary.
The bulletins yesterday, however, produced a
full realization of the gravity of his Majesty's
condition.

Sir James Reid and Sir Francis Laking re-
mained in the Palace throughout the night, and
some of the early callers yesterday morning,
including Mrs. Archibald and Lord Rothschild,
brought away comparatively hopeful tidings of
the King's condition. It is understood, too, the
report that the King had passed a quiet night
induced the Queen and the members of
the Royal Family to look forward to an
improvement in his Majesty's health, but the
issue of the first bulletin led to grave
fears, which were not diminished by those
issued later. Dr. Bertrand Dawson and Dr.
St. Clair-Thomson joined Sir Francis Lak-
ing and Sir James Reid at the Palace about 10

o'clock, and 15 minutes later Sir Douglas Powell
arrived. The concern of those members of the
public who were waiting the bulletin outside
the Palace led them to think over the special
work of the physicians and to infer that the
presence of Dr. St. Clair-Thomson meant that
the King was suffering some discomfort from
the condition of his throat. The doctors had
concluded their examination by half-past 10
o'clock, and it was after they had consulted to-
gether that the first bulletin was drafted and
was shown, before it was made public, to the
Prince of Wales.

This bulletin cast down the hopes of the
crowds who were waiting outside Buckingham
Palace—crowds which in the depths of their
anxiety were only too ready to conclude from
the playing of the Irish Guards and the
changing of the Guard in the forecourt that the
King's health was rapidly improving. The
hushed mutterings of those who were nearest
the bulletin as it was posted on the Palace
railings conveyed at once to others that the
anguish expectations of all had been dis-
appointed.

The Prince of Wales spent the whole morn-
ing at the Palace, and with the Queen and the
other members of the Royal Family was per-
mitted to see his Majesty for a little while. Every
scrup of news was seized upon by the waiting
crowd, and the announcement that the Prince
and Princess of Wales, the Princess Royal,
and the Duke of Fife had joined the Queen
and Princess Victoria at luncheon was thought
to indicate some relaxation of the tension of
the anxiety within the palace.

Further hope was derived from the report at 1
o'clock that it had not been necessary for the doc-
tor again to see the King, although some of them
did not leave the Palace, and an hour later it was
stated that, so far as could be judged without
an examination, his Majesty was a shade
better. The hours went by without news upon
which to base any sound opinion of the King's
progress until after 6 o'clock, when the second
bulletin was issued stating that his Majesty's
condition was critical. It was now realized
that those who had felt from the earliest
moment that his Majesty's physicians were not
likely to exaggerate the seriousness of their
patient's condition had been justified in their
concern, and there was no consolation left
but to hope fervently that within a few
hours more the King would have passed safely
through the critical period of his illness.

At half-past 8 o'clock the Bishop of Ripon, on
leaving the Palace, told the representative of a
news agency that there was no change in the
King's condition. An hour afterwards the
knowledge that the members of the Royal
Family, with the exception of the Duke and
Duchess of Connaught, who are on their way
home from Seix and the Duchess of Albany,
were still at the Palace, where rooms had
been prepared for them, and that the Arch-
bishop of Canterbury had again returned
was taken to confirm the grave terms of
the second bulletin, although the announce-
ment that Lord Knollys, the King's private
secretary, had gone home to dine was con-
sidered as a favourable omen. It was soon
reported, however, that no improvement had
taken place and at 10.30 it was stated that
there was no further change to his Majesty's
condition and that no other bulletins or state-
ments of any kind would be issued for publica-
tion.

The Home Secretary was summoned to
Buckingham Palace last night. The Prime
Minister, who is in Spain, is returning to
England at once, but it is feared that he can-
not reach London until to-morrow or Monday.

RECEPTION OF THE NEWS.

The news of the King's death was received
outside the palace gates shortly after the de-
parture of the Princess of Wales. The
announcement, made by a member of the
Royal Household in the simple words, "The
King is dead," spoken in a low and im-
pressive tone, was received in silence, every
man present—from the gentlemen who had
come round from the club to the ragged
man who, perhaps, had no resting-place for the
night—raising his hat in an awestricken
stillness. Social distinctions were forgotten,
rich and poor turned to one another for
sympathy, and each in their own way gave ex-
pression to the general grief. Women, of whom
there were scores in the crowd, did not attempt
to conceal their sorrow, and the dominant and
all-pervading tone was of personal loss. Then
after a momentary pause, like that of one who
has sustained a staggering blow, the units of
the throng began to move, and the impulse
was evidently to carry the sad news to those
who were anxiously waiting elsewhere.

Then the first of those to leave the Palace drove
out, and the interest of the crowd was riveted
on the spot where, it was expected, the
official bulletin would be posted, but beyond
the bare fact conveyed from mouth to mouth
in the single but all too tragic phrases,
"The King is dead," "He has passed away,"
there was nothing more. Still the people wait-
ed, and even the closing of the great iron
gates at 11.5 a.m. did not modify their desire
still to stand and watch the place where their
beloved Sovereign had breathed his last.

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS ARE SAVED BY THE

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By the use of
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the Wood and Brickwork Preservative which
really does what is claimed for it. IT IS
ABSOLUTE DEATH TO THE WHITE
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Extensively used by the British Govern-
ment at Home and Abroad, by H.M. War
Department at Hongkong, the Imperial
Maritime Customs and all large local Con-
cerns.

Prospectus, samples and all information from
the General Agents,

SIEMSEN & CO.

(Machinery Dept.)

Hongkong.

Hongkong, 31st May, 1910.

Intimations

WHAT IT WILL DO.

A woman buys a sewing machine for what it
will do; not as an article of furniture. A man
carries a watch to tell him the time; not as an
investment of surplus capital. The same
principle when one is ill. We want the medi-
cine, or the treatment which will relieve and
cure. The friend in need must be a friend
indeed—something, or somebody, with a
reputation, with a good record, with a history
that justifies our confidence. There should be
no guesswork in treating disease. People have
the right to know what a medicine is, and what
it will do, before they take it. It must have
behind it an open record of benefit to others
for the same diseases—a series of cures that
proves its merit and inspires confidence. It
is because it has such a record that

WAMPOLE'S PREPARATION
is bought and used without hesitation or doubt.
Its Good Name is the solid basis for the faith
the people have in it; and a good name has to
be earned by good deeds. For the purposes
for which it is commended it is honest, true and
practical. It does what you have a right to
expect it to do. It is palatable as honey and
contains all the nutritive and curative properties
of Pure Cod Liver Oil, combined with the
Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites and the
Extracts of Malt and Wild Cherry. In Scrofula,
Anemia, Nervous and General Debility, In-
fluences, Blood Impurities and Wasting Com-
plaints, it is to be thoroughly relied upon. Dr.
J. L. Carrick says: "I have had remarkable
success with it in the treatment of Consumption,
Chronic Bronchitis, Catarrh and Scrofulous
Affections. It is of special value in nervous
prostration and depraved nutrition; it stimulates
the appetite and the digestion, promotes
the assimilation, and enters directly into the
circulation with the food. I consider it a mar-
velous success in medicine." Every dose
effective. "You cannot be disappointed in it."
Sold by chemists.

G. B. R.

NOTICE.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER
WORKS.

IT is hereby notified that, in the absence of
further rainfall, on and after WEDNES-
DAY, the 1st June, the SUPPLY OF WATER
will be TURNED ON in the Public Mains
to the various districts mentioned during the
following hours:—
HILL DISTRICT OF CITY.
In Seymour Road, Robinson Road, south-
side of Macdonnell Road, Conduit Road and
May Road from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m.
In Queen's Gardens and Peak Road from
6 a.m. to 8 a.m.

HILL DISTRICT.
In district extending from the Peak to
Victoria Gap from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m.
In district bounded by Pinkett's Road and
Plantation Road from 7 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.
In Mount Googly District including prop-
erties below the Aberdeen Road and all
those to the eastward of that road as far as
"Tenderages" from 8.30 a.m. to 9.15 a.m.
In Mount Kellett District from the junction
of Chamberlain and Mount Kellett Roads
from 9.15 a.m. to 11 a.m.

In Barker Road District from 6 a.m. to
8 a.m.
In Magazine Gap District from 8 a.m. to
10 a.m.

The supply to the Rider Main Districts and
to all districts not specifically mentioned above
will be continued as hitherto.
W. CHATHAM,
Water Authority.

Public Works Department,
Hongkong, 30th May, 1910. [405]

IMPERIAL RUSSIAN CONSULATE.

NOTICE.

THE OFFICE OF THE IMPERIAL
RUSSIAN CONSULATE has been
REMOVED to 3, QUEEN'S BUILDING,
2nd FLOOR, Ice House Street, hitherto oc-
cupied by the Norwegian Vice-Consulate.
Telephone No. 634.

Hongkong, 31st May, 1910. [401]

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinances No. 2 of 1875
and Government Notification No. 15 of
19th inst., the EXCHANGE BANKS will be
CLOSED for the transaction of Public Busi-
ness on FRIDAY, the 3rd June.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1910. [402]

FRENCH STORE.

NOTICE.

We beg to inform our numerous
customers and the public in general
that we have been appointed Agent
for the "OREME SIMON" and
all Simon's Produce for Toilet
Requisites, Perfumery, Powder,
Soap, etc.

INSPECTION SOLICITED.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1910. [47]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

PORTLAND CEMENT.

In Casks of 375 lbs. net \$5.50 per Cask
or Factory.

In Bags of 150 lbs. net \$3.45 per Bag
or Factory.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th August, 1909. [41]

Entertainment

"BEAUTY AND THE BEAST."

A Popular Opera.

A FAIRY TALE PLAY IN 5 ACTS.
Re-arranged by
PROF. FRANCIS DANENBERG,

will be performed at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Hall,
on the

Evenings of FRIDAY, the 3rd,
and

SATURDAY, the 4th June,
the public is invited.

The Performance begins at 9 P.M. each
evening.

A MATINEE will be given on WEDNES-
DAY, the 1st June. Children are taking part
in the Play, and the Orchestra of the Societa
Philharmonica accompanies throughout the
whole piece, under the Conductors of Prof.
F. DANENBERG.

Miss EVELYN DANENBERG, The Baby
Artist, an 8-year-old girl, appears as a Beast
with forty tails. "A Prince under a Spell."

Do not miss the opportunity of seeing this
Baby Actress on the stage.

This Juvenile Musical Party will be of great
interest and beauty to all who come to see
them.

Admission \$1 & 5c. Matinee: Adults \$1.
Children half-price.

Tickets may be had at Y.M.C.A. and at the
Royal Aerated Waters Manufacturing, Ice House
Street.

Hongkong, 30th May, 1910. [399]

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND
STRAITS.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamers

"ASSAVE."

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are
being landed and placed at their risk in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon; where each
Consignee will be sorted out Mark by Mark
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—
From London, &c., or S.S. *Malva*.
From Persian Gulf, or S.S. *Indus* and S. &
P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary before
6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 1st June, at 4
P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns for examination by the Consignee's
and the Company's representative at an ap-
pointed hour. All claims must be presented
within ten days of the steamer's arrival here,
after which date they cannot be recognised.
No claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns.

R. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1910. [4]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENLOMOND,"
FROM MIDDLESBRO, LONDON AND
STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby
informed that all Goods are being landed
at their risk into the hazardous and extra
hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.,
whence and/or from the wharves delivery
may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remain-
ing undelivered after the 4th June, will be sub-
ject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-
sented to the Underwriter on or before the
11th June, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 4th June, at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1910. [404]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE, COLOMBO AND
STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship

"AKI MARU"

having arrived from the above Ports. Con-
signees of Cargo are hereby informed that their
Goods are being landed and placed at

Intimation.



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LIMITED.

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HIGH CLASS
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Tonic Water	75 "
Lithia Water	75 "
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Lemon Squash	75 "
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SPECIALITIES:

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Dry Ginger Ale	Pints 51; Splits 60
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Bottles will be charged for at the Rate of
\$1.20 per dozen, and credited in full on being
returned in good condition.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

HONGKONG and KOWLOON.
Hongkong, 30th April, 1910. [18]

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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MAY 31, 1910.

PRISONS AND PUNISHMENT.

Among the few a strong enthusiasm and a real faith; among some a pious opinion; among the many uneasiness and an uncomfortable feeling that something is wrong, and a Cause is born. In past generations the few leaders excited the opinion, created the uneasiness, and at last awakened the faith that made their Cause triumph. This is one of the reasons why human progress seems to us in this age of rapid development to have been so slow. Leaders and Saints lived, laboured and died for great ends which were only attained after long struggle. Vincent of Paul, John of the Cross, the ransomers of Carthage and many another preceded the illustrious philanthropist Howard, to whom civilization owes the introduction of ordinary humanity and decency into European prisons. He died a martyr to his Cause, of fever caught while trying to mitigate some of the worst horrors of Ormeau bagnios; Mrs. Elizabeth Fry, the Quakeress, devoted the whole of her saintly life to the same humane purpose. Her evidence before a Royal Commission changed the lot of women prisoners in Great Britain. Charles Read was the first to realize the power of the press in awakening public opinion about a question which at first sight does not appear greatly to concern the majority of people. He also thrilled the English speaking world by his fierce denunciation of prison torture in his great work

"It's never too late to mend." The horrors of Tasmania had been exposed to the Royal Commission by the Chaplains of the Church of England and the Church of Rome. These two clergymen, fast friends and colleagues, waged untiring war on cruelty and oppression in convict gaols. Read completed their work, as far as it went. It did not go even as far as the comparatively low level of the civilization of the middle Victorian era, but it was an advance. Since then the press has educated public opinion by informing it. Much evidently remains to be done. We know that even in Great Britain prisons differ widely in the "system" employed. But in all there is a tendency to do away with the last traces of the stupid and unscientific punishment of past times. Modern gaols are "places of weeping" as all gaols must be. But the "spirit-breaking" protested against by our geometrically named contributor "The Triangle" finds no place among the latest scientific methods of dealing with ordinary criminals. No doubt, in time, when it is widely realized that "something is wrong, and that we are behind the age in Hongkong in this matter, more modern and less heathen methods of punishing or redeeming our European offenders (for it is with them that we are concerned) will be adopted. We are far from wishing to appear to throw cold water on enthusiasm in so good a cause. But though we speak with the tongue of angels we dare not hope to do more than create among our readers a "pious opinion."

PLUCK.

Two cases were recorded in our issue yesterday of prompt and courageous action. In the first, the coxswain of the steam-launch *Victor* again distinguished himself. He has saved more than one life, and holds a certificate for life-saving. On this occasion he jumped into the harbour to save a young woman who had thrown herself from the ferry *Morning Star*. This coxswain seems a worthy man and we hope that he will bear more of his conduct from those who are able to reward it fittingly. In the second case a young Portuguese behaved with admirable daring and tenacity. But for him a miscreant, now in custody for alleged sharing in the savage murder of an old man and a sanguinary attack on two women, must have escaped. We gave a full account of the occurrence yesterday, and need now only recall that for nearly a quarter of an hour the youth had to fight hard, single-handed, against a man infinitely his physical superior bent on escape. It will be a pity if this public-spirited courage receive no recognition. One point is worth noting—the young man was utterly unsupported. He was worse than alone, for a crowd of Chinese stood by doing nothing, not moving a finger to assist him, and indeed he may have been in danger of their helping his prisoner rather than him. At great risk to himself he rendered a service to the public.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

REMB Rubber crop for March was 912lb. and for April 975lb.

A NATIVE was fined \$50 at the Magistracy this morning for selling dress opium.

JOHN Roberts, the veteran billiard champion, is having a most pleasant and successful tour throughout India.

His letter from a correspondent, dated 26th inst., re the "Parce Cricket Club," reaches us too late to-day for publication.

FOLLAND's population, according to the latest statistics, is 5,851,037 persons, against 5,041,137 in 1899. There are 70,000 more women than men.

SIX weeks' hard labour and four hours' stocks was the penalty inflicted on a native in the Police Court this morning for stealing a quantity of clothing.

FOR stealing a piece of timber belonging to the Kowloon-Canton Railway, a Chinaman was this morning awarded three weeks' hard labour and four hours' stocks.

MESSRS. H. L. Coghlan and Co. agents for the Kots-Tinggi (Johore) Rubber Company, Ltd., report that the estimated crop of rubber for April last is 565 lbs.

SIR Hormusjee N. Mody, who for some months past occupied private apartments at the King Edward Hotel, moved into his new, magnificently appointed residence, "Buxey Lodge," on Conduit Road, on Sunday.

A THAMESMAN is not permitted to favour a customer at his own expense. This principle was laid down at Highgate when a greengrocer was fined 1s. 6d. and costs for having an unjust weight in his possession. It was admitted that the weight favoured the customer.

THIS position of a woman in the cannibal islands of the New Hebrides is terrible, said Captain E. G. Rason, the late Resident Deputy Commissioner, to an audience at the Royal Colonial Institute. Sold by her father at an early age for three pigs, if she ran away she was liable to be pinned to the ground with an arrow through her instep, or to have the snows of the back of her cell and her thigh burnt away by red-hot stones.

Gaol in Hongkong.

IS IT A "PARADISE?"

(Special to the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

I do not propose to use the hospitality of your column to argue with my friend "Casual Critic," who seems to have misunderstood a little the letter I wrote about the above subject. I did not blame him for the faults of the age in which we live. Nor do I complain of his generally satiric invitation to me to "put my shoulders to the wheel in one grand effort; and start a sweeping reform against prison methods which are at present existent." I cannot, being circumscribed by my three sides, fill all the world as did the immortal Howard with the fire of my pity for those who most need and least deserve pity. No individual Englishman is to be blamed for not heading a Crusade. But every one of us should raise his voice and direct his will against tyranny and useless infliction of pain. We utter the word "un-English," when condemning something base, unworthy, degrading. Our pride of race places us in the van of Freedom lovers, and we like to think of ourselves as the most highly developed, mentally, morally and socially, of all the civilized sons of men. My single voice therefore is not that of one crying in the wilderness.

"IS IT TRUE?" asked an American gentleman of intellectual tastes and strong personality. "Is it true that you British are so far behind the times as still to tolerate torture in your prisons?" This question was asked in Hongkong, one evening, in a small company of comfortable smokers after dinner. If was of course instantly answered in the negative, and with some emphasis. "Well, I don't know what you call torture," said the American, "but I know what I do." In the discussion which followed it became apparent that only two or three men present thoroughly understood the point made by the American. He had asked whether we British tolerated torture in our prisons. I was surprised to learn, and so were others, that our prison system was not perfect. No one need be blamed for not being omniscient. But deficiency in human sympathy is a fault to be ashamed of. For what does the callous man feel no pity? For pains that he is not feeling. So when one man said that criminals were not fit objects of sympathy, it became necessary to explain that he had missed the whole point, which was

"WHAT IS TORTURE?" Now this word instantly calls to most minds thoughts of whips and racks, thumbscrews, and the "boots." We are neighbours of an Empire where judicial torture is forbidden by the Penal Code, but where it is nevertheless practised every day. Not much more than two hundred years ago the British Isles were not innocent of it, in the same naked and frightful form. Under other terms it existed until our time. Charles Read's "It's never too late to mend" was a book which informed an ignorant public and awakened universal remorse. Yet the prisons of his time were "Paradise" as compared with those of the time of Howard, or Elizabeth Fry. To congratulate ourselves on such an improvement is merely stupid and futile. The advance has increased our responsibilities, not given us cause for self-conceit. For as man rises in civilization, so do his responsibilities accumulate. And the greater the amenities afforded him by a highly complicated mental and moral progress, his greater becomes his capacity for suffering. To a Chinese criminal, not unaccustomed to the horrors of a Chinese prison, a European gaol might appear to afford all the necessities of life together with many hitherto unknown comforts. To some starving wretches in Europe, not far removed from the social scale from that Chinese, the same gaol might appear to be a paradise. But to you and me it would be

MISERY BEYOND UTTERANCE. Let us imagine the case of a European shop assistant who having fallen into bad company, has been driven by gambling and other sins into "borrowing" from his employer's cash, or other similar "irregularity" amounting if not to felony at least to a misdemeanor punishable by hard labour. "Serve him right," you say, of course, serve him right. He has committed a serious offence against society and must be punished. He justly loses his good name, is degraded from the ranks of honest men, and is placed in strict confinement and bodily duress. All this is necessary, and the suffering inseparable from his punishment which this criminal must go through, if accompanied by the reforming influences which should be exercised in the prisons of every modern civilized State, will do him good, and while vindicating the Law and protecting Society, will reclaim and perhaps redeem him. But what if the suffering be of a very different nature? What if this delinquent, smarting under the worst disaster which can befall a civilized man in our social order, is subjected not to reforming and reclaiming, but to debasing, demoralising, and it is the only word to use, vindictive punishment? The prison diet, loathsome though it be, might be taken as part of a just penalty. The severity of bodily labour exercised to the verge of exhaustion in an exhausting climate and with only that prison diet to sustain him, might be endured by the criminal in the same spirit of penitence and resignation. The sternness of prison regularity might be borne, however greatly it humiliated and distressed one unused to such rigours. But to the bitterness of physical toil conjoined to the extreme permitted by medical superintendence added the gratuitous mental agony of complete uselessness. Make the criminal march at the word of command into a yard in the middle of which are a number of iron or stone weights arranged in a circle. Let him be forced to pick up one, march three steps and put it down, exchanging it for another, with which he must march three steps and again exchange, and continue in this way round and round the circle until not only his back but his heart are break-

ing. Let a warder then suddenly order him to place all the weights in a straight line and continue the same march. This is shot-drill. The glib purporting caprice of the warder may find refinements of uselessness. My pen can but hint at them. The tread-mill, abolished in most civilized prisons, continues its career of hopeless unproductiveness here. It needs no description. Have you ever seen a squirrel turning a wheel in a cage? Even if you have not, you have heard the squirrel in the cage quoted as the very type of hopeless, despairing toil, toll without end, without reward, without result, save death. And what is to be said of those who are forced to earn their daily bread in the sad occupation of thus dealing with their fellow men? One of these men is reported to have said "you see we have first to

DRESS THEIR SPIRIT and then keep 'em hard at it." Quite so. But is this right? I could not but agree with the American gentleman who started the discussion in his indignation at such a process being actually avowed as part of the recognized official system in any British prison. "Why," he cried, "that's what I call torture! The law has a duty to punish, but I find nowhere any sanction for spirit-breaking. By what right do you degrade the soul? You put enormous power to do mischief in the hands of whom? A class that in all ages has been mistrusted—the gaoler and prison warder. Handed by a long course of spirit-breaking, what can you expect from such beings but callous indifference at the best, and under such a God-defying system you must constantly produce the worst." You have a Church, you Britishers, a State Church, a Christian Church? You have no vague recollection of certain words about "breaking the bruised reed?" We hastened to assure our friend that the National Church provided chaplains who were the only friends prisoners had. He then declared that this was more shame to us, that we left the practice of Christianity to chaplains. And I who wonder how much longer "spirit breaking" is to continue, protest against it in the name of reason and common-sense, not to speak of holier grounds, on one of which, Civilization, is based.

CLAIM FOR FISHING STAKES.

ACTION AT THE SUMMARY COURT.

Before Mr. Justice Gumpertz, Puisne Judge, at the Summary Court this morning, the Yuk Shui firm sued Cheung Yuk Kai and others to recover the sum of \$157.29, being amount of balance due for goods sold and delivered. Mr. M. K. Harris appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. W. B. Hinds represented three of the defendants.

Mr. Harris stated that the claim was for fishing implements sold by the plaintiffs to the defendants, the goods consisting of fishing stakes. The amount of the sum due by the defendants was \$240, of which the defendants had paid \$35 on account, leaving a balance of \$205 due. In addition to that sum, the defendants had a running account with the plaintiffs, who were supplied by the defendants with bottles of wine and general provisions and the plaintiffs in turn supplied the defendants with fish. The arrangement between the parties was a general running account.

Mr. Hinds informed the Lordship that he had several legal defences. Mr. Harris said his Lordship would remember that at the first stages of the case, his friend had raised a good amount of protest and asked for leave to file a counter-claim.

Evidence was called and the case adjourned.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." Dear Sir,—I enclose copy of a letter that has reached me from the Colonial Secretary with reference to the services held in the Cathedral on 20th inst. in commemoration of His late Majesty King Edward VII and if you will kindly insert your paper a paragraph to say how much the seat-holders' action in placing their seats at the disposal of the Government has been appreciated, I shall feel greatly obliged.—Yours faithfully,

W. L. PATTERSON,
Hon. Secretary,
St. John's Cathedral.

Hongkong, 31st May.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 21st May, 1910.

Sir,—I am directed by the Officer Administering the Government to convey to the Church

Body and especially to the Rev. Mr. Thornhill, officiating chaplain of St. John's Cathedral, His Excellency's thanks for the excellent arrangements made on the 20th instant for the services in commemoration of His late Majesty King Edward VII, and I am to add that His Excellency much appreciated the action of the seat-holders in the Cathedral in placing their seats at the disposal of the Government for the accommodation of the officers of His Majesty's civil, naval and military service and of Foreign Consuls and others.—I am, etc.,

(Sd.) A. M. THOMSON,
Colonial Secretary.

The Hon. Secretary,
Church Body.

WHILE trying a case on the 25th inst, Judge Charles A. Low, of the Court of First Instance, fell ill with fainting spells and was forced to discontinue the case. Leaving the bench, he entered the clerk's office and lay down on a bench. Employees noticing his condition sent for a glass of brandy, but Judge Low seemed no better and asked to be taken to the hospital.

Mr. Jose McHicking, clerk of the court, and Mr. McMahon, deputy sheriff, helped him to a carromata outside, but while getting in Judge Low fainted. He was hurried to Saint Paul's Hospital, where he is being treated. It is not believed that his condition is serious. It is probable that Judge Richard Campbell, of the first judicial district, will preside over the criminal branch of the court during the absence of Judge Low.—*Media Times.*

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The twenty-fifth annual ordinary general meeting of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., (since its registration) was held at the offices of the company in Alexandra Buildings, at noon, to-day, for the purpose of receiving the report of the general managers, together with a statement of accounts to 31st December, 1909. Mr. Henry Humphreys presided. There were also present:—Sir Hormusjee N. Mody, Hon. Mr. E. Osborne (consulting committee), Messrs. J. M. E. Machado, E. W. Terry, J. McCubbin, Enos Sath, L. Guy, D. E. Clark, E. J. Chapman, Pang Shau-chuan, A. H. Ough, and J. A. Tarrant (secretary).

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting. The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, I propose to follow the usual course and take the report and statement of accounts as read. You will note that "Extra Concession Lot No. 78 and the building thereon, Canton, \$9,066" appears in the accounts for the first time. The Chinese landlords would not grant another lease of the premises except at a prohibitive rent, so your general managers with the approval of the consulting committee decided to buy the property. Marine Lot No. 20, with the building thereon, has been sold for \$165,000 and will not again appear in the balance sheet. The difference between \$165,000 and the amount is shown in our books last year, viz. \$173,317.82 amounts to \$8,317.82. This sum represents money formerly spent on improvements to the factory building now sold, so has accordingly been transferred to building improvements account. We shall commence the erection of a new factory at North Point more suited to our needs, at once. The Hankow branch was sold on 31st December, 1909, at its book value, and the amount of our general liabilities has been correspondingly reduced. Our policy in the future will be to concentrate the business more, and to close as opportunity offers all the small European branches not immediately adjacent to Hongkong, as such branches, in addition to being difficult to supervise, are dependent largely on the personality of the particular individual in charge for the time being. If, as often happens in the summer, he gets sick, we have to send relief from Hongkong at the very time, of the year we can least afford to part with any of our men, and the business suffers in consequence. At our last annual meeting the Chairman referred to the falling off in the returns of the Bund branch of Macintosh & Lehmann and to the decision of the General Managers to close it. This was done on 31st May last year and the stock transferred elsewhere. Until, however, the lease expires on 31st Dec., 1911, further though smaller losses will have to be faced in connection with this branch. Unfortunately during the year under review the loss at this branch has been coincident with smaller profits in the North and 4th in South China, Hongkong & Manila. The low rate of exchange which ruled during the year, the largely increased rentals we now have to pay for many of our business premises, and increased losses on subsidiary concerns have combined to bring about poor results. To these may be added "wages," which as regards individual members of both the European and Chinese staff ever tend upwards. Fortunately the low prices we are now compelled to charge as a result of the keen competition we have to meet from both European and Chinese, have in several instances been productive of a larger turnover. The question of retrenchment has engaged the earnest attention of your general managers for some time past and considerable economies have already been effected. As the profits for 1909 were less than \$65,000 the general managers, in accordance with article 80 of the articles of association, are not entitled to their 5% commission; and for the same reason the consulting committee, in accordance with article 92 of the articles of association, will receive no remuneration. This year has started better than last so that we have reasonable grounds for hoping that we shall be able to come before you next year with a better report. I have nothing to add but if any shareholder has any questions to ask I shall be pleased to answer them.

There were no questions.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. A. H. Ough seconded.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The appointment of Sir Hormusjee Mody as a member of the consulting committee, was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Chapman.

Mr. E. Seth moved the re-election of Mr. Francis MacLennan and Mr. W. Hutton Potts as auditors.

Mr. J. M. E. Machado seconded.

Agreed.

The Chairman:—That is all, the business of the meeting, gentlemen. I thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants are now ready and can be had by your applying for them.

The meeting then ended.

NEW TYPHOON BREAKWATER.

MR. OSBORNE QUESTIONS THE GOVERNMENT.

Hon. Mr. E. Osborne has given notice of his intention to ask the following questions at the next meeting of the Legislative Council:—

1. (a) Whether a contract for the new typhoon breakwater has been let, and if so, what is the contract date for completion of the work?

(b) If a contract has not been let, what is the cause of delay in doing so?

(c) On what date did the Home Authorities finally approve the plans of the breakwater?

2. Will the Government cause part of the forebore at the Eastern and Western extremities of the town to be reserved and made suitable as public bathing place?

THE MAHARAJAH OF MOURBHAN.

VISIT TO THE ITALIAN CONVENT.

The Italian Convent in Hongkong was honoured by a visit from His Highness the Maharajah of Mourbhau shortly before noon to-day. The visit to an establishment which, by reason of its wide functions of a benevolent and educational character, almost assumes the features of a quasi-public institution, denotes His Highness' interest, not only in the beautiful sights of Hongkong and its industrial and commercial institutions, but in those also having for their object the care of the poor, the upbringing of the young, and the forming of character by an educational system adapted strictly in accordance with Governmental requirements.

On arrival at the Convent, His Highness was received by the Superioress, Mother Teresa Martinola, His Lordship Bishop Foxzioli and Chevalier Z. Volpicelli, Consul-General for Italy in Hongkong, who takes a very lively interest in the work and development of the Italian Convent schools.

At the invitation of the Superioress the Maharajah made an inspection of the school and throughout the orphanage, both in its Chinese and European sections. The kindergarten and infant class rooms were the first to be visited, and as usual on such occasions, the distinguished visitor was pleased to note the bright and cheerful faces of the tiny "tots" who regarded their surroundings and employment with a happy countenance. The classes of the primary schools were then visited and a few questions from the visitors elicited in form five answers from the teachers and intelligent replies from the girls themselves. Crossing over from the old Convent building to the new and stately structure on the grounds of "Rosehill" the higher standards were gone through, the beautiful chapel being a subject of note en route. The visitors could not fail to observe the spacious character of the lofty class rooms which provide not only ample floor space for the number of scholars in each, but are so thoroughly well lighted and ventilated that make them the very models of apartments of the kind in a large day and boarding school like the Convent.

A very pleasing ceremony took place when the visitors assembled in the room set apart for the Boarders. A little Parsee girl—Miss Beatrice Elias—who, by the way, is an orphan child, took the Maharajah by surprise when she begged leave to say a few words on behalf of the pupils of the school on the occasion of so distinguished a visit. She said:—Your Highness,—It is a great honour to us that Your Highness has seen fit to visit the Italian Convent and this school. We wish to thank you very much, indeed, for so distinguished a visit and for Your Highness' interest in the institution, which it evinces. You can feel sure that so much kindness is not lost on us or on the Sisters who look after and instruct the large number of children under their kind care. We appreciate very highly the trouble you have taken in coming to the Convent, especially when your stay in Hongkong is going to be such a short one. Before Your Highness leaves, we wish to say that we will not forget your visit to us, and that we will pray that Your Highness may have a safe and pleasant voyage round the world and that when you reach home in India you will some times think of the Italian Convent schools in Hongkong.

The Maharajah spoke briefly in reply and expressed the pleasure it had given him to go to the Convent and his thanks to the Superioress for the opportunity she had given him to go over such an admirable institution. In fact, he had no idea that Hongkong possessed an institution of that size with the object and scope it had laid down to carry out. His Highness again thanked the Sisters for the trouble they had gone through in showing him over the buildings.

Then His Highness visited the needlework department with the large number of Chinese girls engaged in their fine drawn work. He inquired of the Reverend Mother how it was that she managed to make provision for such a large number of orphan children and what became of them all in after years.

To these and all other questions which followed, Mother Martinola gave suitable replies, laying stress on her acknowledgment of the munificence and assistance of benevolent citizens in Hongkong and visitors who came from time to time.

The drawing and painting class was also visited, and in this department, too, His Highness was pleased to testify to the careful teaching of the Sister in charge, who, since the institution of the class, has trained out quite a number of young lady artists in the persons of willing Chinese girls.

Just before leaving, the children were enjoying their mid-day recess in the large playground when His Highness had occasion to see them at play in the same way that he saw them at work just an hour ago.

The Maharajah of Mourbhau's visit to the Convent was quite an interesting event.

We understand that His Highness is the guest of Sir Hormusjee N. Mody at "Buxey Lodge." The Maharajah will continue his voyage from Hongkong on Saturday next.

CHINA'S CURRENCY.

A STANDARD FIXED.

Peking, May 24.

The Government has fixed as China's standard of currency a dollar weighing seven and one-fifth candarees, with subsidiary coins of fifty, twenty-five and ten cents of silver and a five cent piece of nickel, with five ore millies of copper, all of fixed values in decimal ratio. The coins are to be legal tender without discount throughout China, where they will gradually circulate. The Board of Finance will supervise the new issue and the provincial mints will cease the old coinage when the Central Government Mint begins the new. The Tientsin Bank will effect the exchange of the old coinage for the new.—*N. Y. News.*

WATKINS, LIMITED.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The eleventh ordinary annual meeting of shareholders in Messrs. Watkins, Limited, for the purpose of presenting the report of the general managers and a statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1909, was held at the Company's office at noon, to-day. Mr. G. A. Watkins took the chair and others present were Messrs. Chan A. Fook, A. R. Lowe and S. D. Mohal.

Mr. Chan A. Fook having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—"The report and accounts are in your hands, and with your permission, we will take them as read. We commenced the year with improved prospects and I am pleased to inform you that our volume of business has been much larger than the previous year. In order to meet increased competition we had, however, to considerably reduce our prices all round and this, taken in conjunction with a loss of some \$4,000 in exchange, as against a profit of over \$3,000 in 1908, accounts mainly for the smaller profits shown. Nevertheless, your Directors have agreed to fulfil the promise made at the annual meeting last year by declaring a dividend, which, we trust, will meet with your approval. Your property is written down to the lowest possible figure that the auditors would agree to. With regard to the stock-in-trade in particular, it is extensive, up-to-date and fresh, and evidently meets with public approval, if we may judge from the increased amount of business done."

With these remarks I beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented. Before putting this to the vote I shall, however, be pleased to answer any questions.

There were no questions.

The Chairman:—Will any shareholder present kindly second the resolution now before the meeting?

Mr. Mohal seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

The Chairman:—Dividend warrants will be ready on and after Thursday an application at this office; they will not be sent out. There being no further business before the meeting, I thank you, gentlemen, for your attendance.

This was all the business.

The report and statement of accounts are as follows:—

Gentlemen,—We have the pleasure to submit our Report and Statement of the Accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st December, 1909.

The result of the year's trading shows a gross profit of \$7,003.65 after paying all working charges and writing down the stock to the rate of exchange ruling at 31st December last. To this amount must be added the balance of \$1,617.55 brought forward from last year also interest and Transfer Fees making a total of \$8,621.20, from which your General Managers have had to meet the following:—

Interest.....\$1,031.92
Depreciation:—
Furniture & Fixtures 5% 420.19
Steam Launch.....1,100.00
Rent Account.....18.63
Loss on Subsidiary Colours 1,742.04
Legal Expenses.....84.25

\$ 5,128.03

thus leaving a sum of \$3,493.17 available for appropriation.

The Company is still cramped for working Capital, but its Assets having been written down to safe values, your General Managers are agreeable, with the consent of the Shareholders to distribute \$3,500 to pay a dividend of 31% and carry forward \$19.41 to next year.

AUDITORS.

The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, Professional Accountants.

CHAN A. FOOK,
G. A. WATKINS,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 24th May, 1910.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1909.

To rents, rates and telephone
paid.....\$3,078.63
Less rents received.....3,060.00

To interest on bills payable.....18.63
To Depreciation:—
Shop fittings and fixtures
at 4%.....420.19
Steam launch specially de-
preciated.....1,100.00

To loss on subsidiary colours.....1,742.04
To legal expenses.....84.25

To balance as per balance sheet.....5,128.03

By balance from last year.....1,617.55
By balance of working account.....7,003.65
By transfer fees.....50

By Bank and loan interest received
less paid.....25.74

\$3,647.44

BALANCE SHEET—31ST DECEMBER, 1909.

Capital:—
10,000 shares of \$10 each fully
paid up.....100,000.00

Creditors:—
Loan.....\$1,000.00
Trade creditors' accept-
ances.....7,591.10
Open accounts.....10,033.64
Unclaimed dividends.....436.10

Profit and loss account.....\$519.41

Assets.

Building:—
As at 31st December,
1908.....\$17,209.24
Less building deprecia-
tion reserve a/c. as
per balance sheet
at 31st December,
1908.....17,209.24

Furniture and Fixtures:—
As per balance sheet at
31st Dec. 1908.....8,403.92
Less depreciation 5%
written off.....420.19

7,983.73

Additions during the
year.....57.65

Aerated Water Plant:—
As per balance sheet at 31st Dec.
1908.....3,000.00

Steam Launch "Watkins"
Cost to date.....3,100.00
Less amount written off
as depreciation.....1,100.00

2,000.00

Stock on hand (sterling at
1/9 9/16).....69,394.24
Less reserve as per last
account.....8,000.00

61,394.24

Sundry Debtors:—
Trade.....28,667.74
Sundries.....5,093.62

33,761.36

Less reserve for bad and
doubtful debts.....1,980.16

Unexpired Fire Insurance and
Licences.....1,155.17

Cash:—
Hongkong and Shang-
hai Bank.....2,371.41
International Banking
Corporation.....11,400.07

14,208.88

\$128,582.25

RAUB GOLD MINE.

The following is the result of crushing
operations at Raub for the four weeks ending
31st inst:

Bukit Komar.—Stone crushed 2,931 tons;
Gold obtained 1,150 ounces; Average per ton
78.5 dwts.

Bukit Malacca.—Stone crushed 401 tons;
Gold obtained 95 ounces; Average per ton
47.1 dwts.

SELANGOR RUBBER REPORT.

AN IMPOSING DIVIDEND.

Excellent progress is disclosed in the report of the Selangor Rubber Company. The output of dry rubber in 1909 was 316,614 lbs., as compared with only 189,079 lbs in the previous year, while the average price obtained shows an improvement of 1/2d at 68.72 per lb. The revenue for the year is £18,811, as against £12,486 for 1908, while, as announced last week, the dividend has been increased from 7% to the imposing figure of 18 1/2% per cent. While providing for this fine distribution, the directors are able to allow £1,500 for depreciation and to transfer £3,500 to the reserve to be applied in the first instance to the company's capital requirements. Costs were not as low as they should have been last year, averaging 19.6 cents. In January last the cost had declined to 11.73 cents, so that a material improvement under this head is to be expected in the current year. The output for 1910 is expected to exceed 450,000 lbs.

THE CHINCHOU-AIGUN
RAILWAY.

PROBABILITY OF CONSTRUCTION.

London, May 25.
Mr. Wilfred Straight is now in Paris, where he will meet Mr. Pierpont Morgan, the financier, (whose interests in the Far East Mr. Straight represents). Before his return to China Mr. Straight will call at St. Petersburg to discuss with the officials concerned the attitude of Russia towards the Chinchou-Aigun Railway.

The Standard believes that the difficulties regarding the line will probably sooner or later be surmounted and adds that none of the Powers are violently antagonistic. The probability is that with judicious action, China would find no opposition to thus developing her own resources. It is always possible that the Peking authorities may decide to initiate the line without waiting for general approbation. In that case it is unlikely that the Powers affected will take any particular action, but merely recognize the fait accompli, inasmuch as the line need not necessarily be extended, at first, to the Russian frontier and therefore should not raise an international question.—
N. C. D. News.

CONSIDERABLE excitement has been created in scientific circles in America by the publication in the leading journals of the claims of Dr. Lange of Scranton, Pennsylvania, that he has discovered a process of alchemy.

A DELIGHTFUL example of the "spoof" process is that of the Simplex Colman Bank Robber Investment Trust Corporation, Limited. "The subscription list will stay open until all the mugs are caught." "The vendors will take cash and the public the shares (B.V.)" The company "has been formed (inter alia) for the purpose primarily of exploiting the inhabitants of the Denighted Kingdom and securing their money before L. George does. It is proposed, if thought fit, to acquire a concession of land in the centre of Africa from the Kings of Borrob-Borrob and Kari-Ovah."

N. C. D. News.

"THE FINEST SITE."

MR. STEWART MOVES THE COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council on Thursday next, the Hon. Mr. Stewart will move that, before putting up to auction the plot of Crown Land situated to the North of the New Law Courts, the Government shall refer the proposed conditions of sale to this Council.

THE OPIUM ORDINANCE.

HARDSHIPS TO BONA FIDE TRAVELLERS.

The Hon. Mr. Stewart will ask the following questions at the meeting of the Legislative Council on 2nd prox:—

(i) Is it the case that on the 9th May the wife of the late deceased Assistant Magistrate of the Sun On District, on her way through to Tientsin with his body, was committed to prison in this Colony, for seven weeks, for having in her possession a small quantity of opium dross, some anti-opium pills and a little raw opium, value, all told, about \$30?

(ii) Is it the case that His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, recognising the hardship created in this instance by the operation of the Opium Ordinance, quashed the sentence?

(iii) Will the Government consider the advisability of so amending the Opium Ordinance as to provide magisterial discretionary powers or other means whereby bona fide travellers through the Colony, having in their possession a little opium for private use, may escape penalties intended for felonious smuggling?

H. PRICE & CO., LD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The third ordinary annual meeting of shareholders was held at the company's offices, 12, Queen's Road, at 12.30 p.m. to-day. There were present:—Mr. P. Loureiro (chairman), Mr. A. Rumjahn, superintending director, Mr. Chan Kai Ming, director, Mr. A. R. Lowe, the company's auditor, Mr. Ellis Kadoorie, Mr. Lau Po Wing, Mr. Lo Tsz Chun, Mr. Wong Kung Yee, shareholders, and Mr. A. Charlton, secretary.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting,

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The report and accounts having been in your hands for some days and I take it that I may assume, as usual, that you will not desire to have them read. It is very satisfactory to observe that your business for the period under review showed a substantial increase over that of the previous year and that from the commencement of this year up to this day a decided increase over the corresponding period of last year has taken place. I see no reason why our business should not continue to develop as our policy has ever been to offer our customers and the public generally the best value. In consequence of the passing of the Liquors Ordinance our expenses have been somewhat increased owing to our being compelled to keep additional sets of books and having a special licensed warehouse for storage of dutiable goods which necessitated our engaging extra clerks, etc. Our agencies in Macao and Canton are also doing an increased business and we hope before the year closes to open up agencies or branches in two or three places in the South. Gentlemen, before moving the adoption of the report and statement of accounts for the year 1909 I shall be pleased to answer any question that may be put to me to the best of my ability.

There being no questions,

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Ellis Kadoorie seconded.

Carried.

The Chairman:—I think that is all the business before you. I thank you for your attendance.

The meeting then concluded.

The report is as follows:—

The directors have the pleasure to submit their report and statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1909.

The net profit for the period amounts to \$13,664.07 to which has to be added the balance brought forward from 1908, \$670.70, leaving \$14,334.77 at the credit of profit and loss account, which the directors propose appropriating as follows:—

To pay a dividend at the rate of 12% per annum for the year, £12 = \$40 per share on 12,000 shares, absorbing.....\$16,800.00

To write off godown account.....\$611.00

To carry forward to next account.....1,923.87

\$14,334.87

In addition to the above amount of \$1,617.55 which the directors propose writing off against goodwill, they propose with your permission to further write down this account to \$5,000.00 by transferring the amount at credit of special reserve, \$5,000.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews.

P. LOUREIRO,
Chairman.

Hongkong, 10th May, 1910.

A WASHINGTON despatch of May 24 says:—One hundred and thirty millions of dollars carried in the naval appropriation bill was passed by the Senate to-day and the bill now awaits only the signature of the President to become a law. The main provision of the bill is for the building of two battleships of the super-Dreadnought type which Navy experts have planned to be superior to any other warship afloat.

To-day's
Advertisements.

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MELOHERS & Co.,
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Hongkong, 31st May, 1910. [47]

COMMERCIAL.

May 31st, 11.15 a.m.
The following quotations for rubber shares,
by wire, are supplied by Messrs. E. S. Kadoorie
& Co.:—

Allagars.....7/1
Anglo-Javas.....11s. 18
Ang-o-Malays.....20/6

Balgownies.....5/1
Batu Tigas.....5/1
Berams.....8/6

Bukit Kajang.....8/6
Bukit Kajangs.....8/6
Carey United.....27/- prem.

Castlefields.....130/-
Changkat Serdangs.....\$30
Cheras.....\$12

Damansara.....175/-
Eastern International.....40/- prem.
Fed. Selangors.....53

Glenshals.....163/6
Glenshals.....137/6
Golden Hopes.....137/6

Highlands and Lowlands.....137/6
Indragiris.....\$35
Jack Kennells.....—

Jeques.....—
Jonglanders.....8/6 prem.
Kamonnings.....190/-

Kuala Lumpurs.....121/6
Lanadrons (fully paid).....121/6
Lanadrons (ppd.).....121/6

Labus.....—
Ledbury.....95/-
Linggis.....61/7

London Aerials.....16/-
London Ventures.....8/6
Mellinams.....—

Pajams.....\$18
Pegohs.....\$50
Rubber Trusts.....53/6 prem.

Saggar.....\$40
Sandyrofts.....41/-
Sapongs.....—

Seafields.....—
Sekongs.....30/- prem.
Shelfords.....80/-

Singapore & Johore.....\$20
Sumatra Perms.....—
Sungel Choks.....115/-

Sungei Kapars.....18/9
Tanjongs.....72/6 prem.
Tangkabs.....32/6 prem.

Toerangie.....7/6 prem nom.
Ulu Rantia.....—
United Serdangs.....135/-

United Singapors.....\$3 ex rights
United Sumatras.....12/-
United Langkats.....—

Para Rubber.....10/- per lb.

LAWADRON ESTATE.

Messrs. Barber and Co. report that they have
received a telegram from the secretary of the
company in London, advising that the directors
have declared a final dividend of 17 1/2%
(making with the 10% already paid, 27 1/2% for
the year). The directors have added to the re-
serve fund the sum of £7,000, £1,550 to em-
ployees bonus funds, carrying forward £1,350.

APRIL OUTPUT.
Tremelby:—2,213 lbs.

Events Coming.

Thursday, 2nd June.
Auction sale, Green Island, saltpetre.

Friday, 3rd June.
King's Birthday, day non.

Saturday, 4th June.
Auction sale, miscellaneous goods, G. P.
Lammert, 2.30 p.m.

Saturday, 18th June.
New Seamen's Institute, opening ceremony, 4
p.m.

To-day's
Advertisements.

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF
HONGKONG.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 2 of 1876
and Government Notification No. 15 of
1910, all FIRE INSURANCE OF-
FICES will be CLOSED for the transac-
tion of Public Business on FRIDAY, the 3rd June,
1910.

By Order,
A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 31st May, 1910. [407]

MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION
OF HONGKONG.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 2 of 1876
and Government Notification No. 15 of
1910, all MARINE INSURANCE OF-
FICES will be CLOSED for the transac-
tion of Public Business on FRIDAY, the 3rd
June, 1910.

By Order,
A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 31st May, 1910. [408]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALOUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"LIGHTNING,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Con-
signees of Cargo are hereby informed that their
Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel
will be landed at once, at Consignees' risk and
expense.

Cargo remaining on board after 4 P.M. of the
2nd June will be landed at consignees' risk and
expense.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE
and PENANG are requested to take IM-
MEDIATE DELIVERY of their Goods
from alongside, such Cargo impeding the dis-
charge of the vessel will be landed and stored
at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & Co., LIMITED,
Agents.
Hongkong, 31st May, 1910. [409]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN,
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"PRINZ SIGISMUND,"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods, with the exception
of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being
landed and stored at their risk into the
hardwood and/or extra hazardous Godowns of
the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and God-
own Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West
Point Godowns, whence delivery may be
obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remain-
ing undelivered after the 7th of June will
be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 7th of June, at 9.30 A.M.

All claims must reach us before the 15th of
June, 1910, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
undersigned.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELOHERS & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 31st May, 1910. [47]

IMPERIAL RUSSIAN CONSULATE.

NOTICE.

THE OFFICE of the IMPERIAL
RUSSIAN CONSULATE has been
MOVED to 3, QUEEN'S BUILDING,
3RD FLOOR, 100, ROUTE STREET, hitherto oc-
cupied by the Norwegian Vice-Consulate.
Telephone No. 634.

Hongkong, 31st May, 1910. [401]

Intimations.

THE
DAIRY FARM CO.,
LIMITED.

Choice Australian
BEEF, LAMB, MUTTON,
and RABBITS.

The "ASAHI" Brewery is situated near the "Sella" Spring.
These Celebrated waters are used in the manufacture of
our beers.

Purity guaranteed.
(Note Price List:—
"ASAHI" & "SAPPORO"
Beers.

per case 4 doz. qts.
\$4.00
per case 8 doz. pils.
\$3.50

Shipping—Steamers.

CANADIAN PACIFIC
RAILWAY CO.'S

Royal Mail Steamship Line.

"EMPRESS LINE"

Between Oboon, Japan and Europe via Canada and the United States, calling at Hongkong, Shanghai, Nagasaki (through the Inland Sea of Japan) Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver B.C.

The only Line that maintains a Regular Schedule Service of 12 DAYS YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER. 31 DAYS HONGKONG TO VANCOUVER SAVING 5 TO 7 DAYS OCEAN TRAVEL.

Proposed Sailings from Hongkong and St. John, N.B., &c.
(Subject to alteration).

From Hongkong.	From Quebec.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN" SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH.	"EMPRESS OF BRITAIN" FRIDAY, JULY 1ST.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA" SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH.	"ALLAN LINE" FRIDAY, JULY 22ND.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA" SATURDAY, JULY 16TH.	"EMPRESS OF IRELAND" FRIDAY, AUGUST 12TH.
"MONTEAGLE" TUESDAY, AUGUST 16TH.	"ALLAN LINE" FRIDAY, SEPT. 2ND.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN" SATURDAY, AUGUST 6TH.	"EMPRESS OF IRELAND" FRIDAY, SEPT. 23RD.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA" SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH.	

Each Trans-Pacific "Empress" connects at Vancouver with a Special Mail Express Train and at St. John, N.B. or Quebec with Atlantic Mail Steamer as shown above. The "Empress of Britain" and "Empress of Ireland" are magnificent vessels of 14,500 tons; Speed 20 knots, and are regarded as second to none on the Atlantic. The "Empress" Steamers on the Pacific and on the Atlantic are equipped with the Marconi wireless apparatus.

Passengers booked to all the principal ports in Canada, the United States and Europe, also Around the World.

HONGKONG TO LONDON, 1st Class, via Canadian Atlantic Port or New York (including Meals and Berth in Sleeping Car while crossing the American Continent by Canadian Pacific Direct Line).

Passengers for Europe have the option of going forward by any Trans-Atlantic Line either from Canadian Ports or from New York or Boston.

SPECIAL THROUGH RATES: Special rates (First Class only) are granted to Missionaries, Members of the Navy, Military, Diplomatic, and Consular Services, European Civil Servants, Officials located in Asia and to European Officials in the service of the Governments of China and Japan, and the families.

Through Passengers are allowed Stop over privileges at the various points of interest en route.

R.M.S. "MONTEAGLE" carries only "One Class" of Saloon Passengers (termed Intermediate) the accommodation and commissariat being excellent in every way.

HONGKONG TO LONDON. Intermediate via Steamers and 1st Class to Canadian and American Railways.

Via Canadian Atlantic Port 443.
Via New York 443.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage and Freight, apply to—
U. W. GRADDOCK, General Traffic Agent,
Corner Pedder Street and Praya (opposite Blake Pier).

12] **INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LD.**

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For Steamship On
TIENTSIN CHEONGSHING* FRIDAY, 1st June, 4 P.M.
MANILA YUNTSANG* FRIDAY, 3rd June, 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI KWONGSANG* SUNDAY, 5th June, Daylight.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & MOJI FOOKSANG* FRIDAY, 10th June, Noon.
MANILA LOONGSANG* FRIDAY, 10th June, 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALOUTTA. KUTSANG* SATURDAY, 11th June, Noon.

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN (OCCUPYING 24 DAYS).
The steamers Kutsang, Namang and Fookang leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong.

These vessels have all modern improvements and are fitted throughout with Electric Light. A duly qualified surgeon is also carried.

* Steamers have superior accommodation for First-class Passengers, and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

1. Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Yangtze Ports, Chefoo, Tientsin & Newchwang.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LD.
General Managers.
Telephone No. 215.
Hongkong, 31st May, 1910.

13] **CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.**

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR STEAMERS TO SAIL
OEBU & ILOILO KAIFONG 1st June, 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI ANHUI 2nd " 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI CHINEHUA 5th " Daylight.
SHANGHAI SHAOHING 9th " 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI LINAN 12th " Daylight.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA & AUSTRALIA TAIYUAN 25th " 4 P.M.

Reduced Saloon Fares, single and return, to Manila and Australian Ports.

DIRECT SAILING TO WEST RIVER, Twice Weekly.
S.S. "LINTAN" and S.S. "SANUI".

AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS have superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in Saloons. A duly qualified Doctor is carried. REDUCED FARES. Cargo booked through for all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports.

MANILA TWIN-SCREW STEAMERS and TIENTSIN STEAMERS have superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in Saloons and Dining Saloons.

SHANGHAI LINE.

FAST SCHEDULE TWIN-SCREW STEAMERS (Anhui, Chienan, Linan, Chienan) with excellent passenger accommodation, Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the Saloons and Dining Saloon. Leave Hongkong for Shanghai direct every Tuesday and Sunday, taking cargo to through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

N.B.—Passengers must embark before midnight on Saturday for the Sunday morning sailing. A Company's launch leaves Murray Pier at 10 o'clock every Saturday night.

These steamers (and passengers in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of transshipment at Woosung).

Fares:—\$45 single, \$80 return.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.
Telephone No. 16.
Hongkong, 31st May, 1910.

14] **HONGKONG—MANILA.**

CHINA AND MANILA
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship. Tons. Captain. For. Sailing Dates.

LAZARO 1540 R. Rogers MANILA SATURDAY, 4th June, at Noon.

AUBI 1540 A. Fraser " SATURDAY, 11th June, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.
Hongkong, 31st May, 1910.

15] **HONGKONG—MANILA.**

CHINA AND MANILA
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship. Tons. Captain. For. Sailing Dates.

LAZARO 1540 R. Rogers MANILA SATURDAY, 4th June, at Noon.

AUBI 1540 A. Fraser " SATURDAY, 11th June, at Noon.

Shipping—Steamers.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

REGULAR SERVICES, PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(Subject to Alteration.)

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

Connecting at TACOMA with

THE CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE AND PUGET SOUND RAILWAY,

AND

THE CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE AND ST. PAUL RAILWAY.

(The only direct train service, without transshipment, also shortest and fastest route from the Pacific Coast to CHICAGO). Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Overland Common Points in the U.S.A. and Canada, also to the principal Ports in Mexico, Central and South America.

For	Steamers	G. Tonnage	Leaves
TACOMA v. KIELUNG, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	"TACOMA MARU" Capt. H. Yamamoto	6,178	WEDNESDAY, 15th June, at Noon.
TACOMA v. MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	"PANAMA MARU" Capt.	—	WEDNESDAY, 29th June, at Noon.

The Co.'s newly built steamers have fair speed. Superior accommodation for storage passengers situated AMIDSHIP. A limited number of Cabin passengers carried at low rates. Best adapted rooms for carrying Silk, Treasure and Parcels. Special attention given towards Express connection.

HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS & FORMOSA SERVICE.

For	Steamers	Leaves
SHANGHAI via SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOSHOW	"BUJUN MARU" Capt. Y. Fushio	THURSDAY, 2nd June, at 8 A.M.
MOJI (DIRECT)	"FITZPATRICK" Capt. Hutchison	FRIDAY, 3rd June, at Noon.
TAMUI v. SWATOW & AMOY	"DAIGI MARU" Capt. H. Murayama	SUNDAY, 5th June, at 10 A.M.
ANPING via SWATOW and AMOY	"SOHU MARU" Capt. Y. Yamamoto	WEDNESDAY, 8th June, at 10 A.M.

Fair speed. Superior passenger accommodation. Electric light throughout. First class cuisine.

The newly built steamers: "OHOSHUN MARU" and "BUJUN MARU"—First class Cabins AMIDSHIP.

For information of Freight, Passages, Sailings, etc., apply at the Co.'s Local Branch Office at Second Floor, No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

Hongkong, 31st May, 1910. T. ARIMA, Manager.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS. STEAMERS. SAILING DATES, 1909.

MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID TANGO MARU, Capt. A. Christensen, Tons 8200 WEDNESDAY, 8th June, at Daylight.

..... KAMO MARU, Capt. F. L. Sommer, Tons 9000 WEDNESDAY, 22nd June, at Daylight.

..... AKOMARU, Capt. K. Homma, Tons 7000 WEDNESDAY, 6th July, at Daylight.

VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE KAMAKURA MARU, Capt. J. Nagao, Tons 7000 SATURDAY, 18th June, at Noon.

..... AWA MARU, Capt. S. Iwakura, Tons 7000 TUESDAY, 21st June, at 4 P.M.

..... INABA MARU, Capt. K. Kawara, Tons 7000 TUESDAY, 19th July, at 4 P.M.

SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE AND BRISBANE KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winkler, Tons 6000 FRIDAY, 10th June, at Noon.

..... YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekine, Tons 5000 FRIDAY, 8th June, at Noon.

BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO COLOMBE MARU, Capt. E. Combes, Tons 5000 TUESDAY, 14th June, at Noon.

NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekine, Tons 5000 WEDNESDAY, 8th June, at Noon.

..... MISHIMA MARU, Capt. A. E. Moser, Tons 9000 THURSDAY, 9th June, 5 P.M.

KOBE and YOKOHAMA HAKATA MARU, Capt. A. Moser, Tons 7000 TUESDAY, 7th June, at Noon.

SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE HAKATA MARU, Capt. A. Moser, Tons 7000 TUESDAY, 7th June, at Noon.

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Shipping—Steamers.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, OCEAN, AUSTRALIA, INDIA,
ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN
PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND
LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA,
PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AMERICA
AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship
"ASSAYE."

Captain Owen Jones, R.N.R., carrying 11st Military Mail, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 11th June, 1910, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports in connection with the Company's S.S. "Patria," 7,912 tons, from Colombo. Passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the Mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London, other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay by the R.M.S. "Oceanic," due in London on 10th July, 1910.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply to
E. S. HEWETT,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 30th May, 1910.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALOUTTA.

Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Rangoon, Madras and Mauritius.

THE Steamship
"GREGORY APCAR."

Captain S. H. Belsón, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 1st June, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON & Co., LIMITED,
Agents.
Hongkong, 16th May, 1910.

1398

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE
TO NEW YORK,
VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.

(With Liberty to Call at Malabar Coast.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FOR NEW YORK ONLY:
S.S. "SURUGA" About 1st June.

For Freight and further information, apply to
DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,
Agents.
Hongkong, 26th May, 1910.

1399

THE BANK LINE, LIMITED.

Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Overland Common Points in the United States of America and Canada, and also for the principal ports in Mexico, and Central and South America.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG
TO
VANCOUVER, B.C., TACOMA & SEATTLE
via
MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamer. Tons. Captain. Sailing Date.

Oceanic 4,657 F. W. Davies 1910

Swallow 6,132 F. S. Cowley 18th June

Kumero 6,232 J. Mathis 25th July

Aymere 4,355 J. Boyd 26th July

* This steamer will NOT call at Shanghai.

These steamers are specially fitted for the carriage of Asiatic Storage passengers.

PARCEL EXPRESS TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

For further information, apply to
DODWELL & Co., LIMITED
General Agents.

Queen's Buildings.
Hongkong, 21st May, 1910.

1400

THE AMERICAN AND ORIENTAL
LINE.

FOR NEW YORK.
(With Liberty to Call at the Malabar Coast.)

THE Steamship
"AFRICAN PRINCE."

will be despatched for the above Port on TUESDAY, the 14th June, 1910.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 17th May, 1910.

1401

WEATHER-FORCAST AND
STORM-WARNINGS ISSUED
FROM THE HONGKONG
OBSERVATORY.

METEOROLOGICAL SIGNALS.

Meteorological signals are hoisted on the mast in front of the Water Police Station at Tsim Sha Tsui, for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not necessarily imply that bad weather is expected here.

Signal No.

1. A CONE point upwards indicates a Typhoon to the North of the Colony.

2. A CONE point upwards and DOWN below indicates a Typhoon to the North-East of the Colony.

3. A DRUM indicates a Typhoon to the East of the Colony.

4. A CONE point downwards and DRUM below indicates a Typhoon to the South-East of the Colony.

5. A CONE point downwards indicates a Typhoon to the South of the Colony.

6. A CONE point downwards and BALL below indicates a Typhoon to the South-West of the Colony.

7. A BALL indicates a Typhoon to the West of the Colony.

8. A CONE point upwards and BALL below indicates a Typhoon to the North-West of the Colony.

Red Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony.

Black Signal. indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

The above signals will, as heretofore, be hoisted only when typhoons exist in such positions or are moving in such directions that information regarding them is considered to be of importance to the Colony or to shipping leaving the harbour.

These signals are repeated at the Harbour Office, H.M.S. Tamar, Green Island Signal Mast, and the Flagstaff on the premises of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company at Kowloon.

URGENT SIGNAL.

In addition to the above, when it is expected that the wind may increase to full typhoon force at any moment, the following Urgent Signal will be made at the Water Police Station, and repeated at the Harbour Office—

THREE EXPLOSIVE BOMBS, AT INTERVALS OF TEN SECONDS.

A Black Cross will be hoisted at the same time, superior to the other shapes.

NIGHT SIGNALS.

The following Night Signals will be exhibited on the Flagstaff on the roof of the Water Police Station at Kowloon, the Harbour Office Flagstaff, and H.M.S. Tamar.

I. Three Lights Vertical, Green Green Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated more than 300 miles from the Colony.

II. Three Lights Vertical, Green Red Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated less than 300 miles from the Colony.

III. Three Lights Vertical, Red Green Red, indicates that the wind may be expected to increase to full typhoon force at any moment.

No. III. Signal will be accompanied by the Explosive Bombs, as above, in the event of the information conveyed by this signal being first published by night.

These Night Signals will be substituted the Day Signals at sunset, and will, when necessary, be altered during the night.

SUPPLEMENTARY WARNINGS.

For the benefit of Native Craft and passing Ocean Vessels, a Cone will be exhibited at each of the following stations during the time that any of the above Day Signals are hoisted in the Harbour.

Gap Rock. Aberdeen.

Waglan. San Ki Wan.

Stanley. Sai Kung.

Cape Collinson. Sha Tau Kok.

Tai Po.

This will indicate that there is a depression somewhere in the China Sea, and that a Storm Warning is hoisted in the Harbour.

Further details can always be given to Ocean Vessels, on demand, by signal from the Harbour Office.

F. G. FINE,
Director.

1402

nder B. J. Goy. V.C.	Wei-hai-wai
nder H. S. Monroo ...	Wei-hai-wai
nder G. G. Heathcote	Wei-hai-wai
gukar	Wei-hai-wai
nder T. J. S. Lyne ...	Vauvau
nder	Borneo
ayley	Wei-hai-wai
ower, M.Y.O.	Wei-hai-wai
nder G. F. Leith	West River
nder C. H. Woodward	Yangtze
Stevenson	Wei-hai-wai
nder J. White	Hongkong
nder E. J. Southby ...	West River
nder J. M. Barker ...	Yangtze
low	Hongkong
Lyons	Hongkong
nder H. R. Godfrey ...	Yangtze
nder H. T. Aitley	Yangtze
nder C. Lloyd-Thomas	Wei-hai-wai
nder R. L. Hancock	Singapore
nder G. B. Harford ...	Hongkong
nder M. R. Brooks ...	Tientsin
der H. Wilding	Yangtze
nder G. F. A. Mulock ...	Yangtze

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Supplied by Messrs. E. S. KADOORIN & Co. Corrected to noon; later alterations given under "Commercial Intelligence," page 5.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT		LAST DIVIDEND.	APPROXIMATE RETURN AT PRESENT QUOTATION BASED ON LAST YEAR'S DIV.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
				RESERVE.	AT WORKING ACCOUNT			
BANKS.								
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	120,000	\$125	\$125	{ \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,500,000 }	\$2,028,018	£2.5/- for half year ending 31.12.09 @ ex 1/91 = \$5.11	4 1/2 %	{ \$945 b. & sa. 291
National Bank of China, Limited.....	99,925	7	£6	{ £4,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$30,552	\$2 (London 3/6) for 1909	...	\$76 buyers
MARINE INSURANCES.								
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	{ \$1,500,000 \$254,183 \$202,791 \$125,000 Tls. 22,500 Tls. 315,253 Tls. 146,186 }	none	\$10 for 1908.....	6 %	177 1/2
North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	15	£5	{ Tls. 22,500 Tls. 315,253 Tls. 146,186 }	Tls. 207,573	Final of 7/6 making 15/- for 1908	5 %	Tls. 110
Union Insurance Society of Canton	12,400	\$250	\$100	{ \$1,000,000 \$294,405 \$199,262 }	\$287,084	{ Final of \$20 per share, making in all \$50 per share for 1908 and 1/2 an interim divi- dend of \$30 per share for 1909	6 %	\$830 sales
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60	{ \$1,000,000 \$294,405 \$199,262 }	\$77,757	\$12 and bonus \$3 for 1907	7 %	\$105
FIRE INSURANCE.								
China Fire Insurance Company,	20,000	\$100	\$20	{ \$1,000,000 \$550,341 \$151,161 \$1,400,000 }	\$4,846	\$6 and bonus \$1 for 1908	7 %	\$114 buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited...	8,000	\$250	\$50	{ \$1,000,000 \$550,341 \$151,161 \$1,400,000 }	\$426,218	\$27 for 1908	8 %	\$347 sales
SHIPPING.								
China and Manilla Steamship Company, Limited...	30,000	\$25	\$25	{ \$57,743 \$230,000 \$100,80 \$250,000 }	Dr. \$37.7	5 % for 1906	...	\$8 sellers
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	20,000	\$50	\$50	{ \$57,743 \$230,000 \$100,80 \$250,000 }	...	2 1/2 for year ending 30.6.1908	...	\$33 sellers
Hongkong, Canton & Yacoo Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	{ \$57,743 \$230,000 \$100,80 \$250,000 }	10,766	Final of \$1 1/2 for account 1910	8 %	29 1/2 sellers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Preferred) Do. Do. (Deferred)	60,000 60,000	£5 £5	£5 £5	{ \$10,000 \$140,000 \$720,000 \$100,000 \$71,850 \$62,661 }	...	{ 6/- for 1907 on Preference shares only @ ex 1/9 11/16 = \$3. 154 3rd in. of 2/- per sh. (coup. No. 12) making in all 4/- for 1908 and interim of 1/- for ac. '09 A dividend of 7 % for year ending 30. 1910 A bonus of 5 %	5 % 4 1/2 % 3 1/2 %	96/- \$74 1/2 14 sellers
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	2,000,000	£1	£1	{ \$10,000 \$140,000 \$720,000 \$100,000 \$71,850 \$62,661 }	1,2994	...	...	...
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	{ \$10,000 \$140,000 \$720,000 \$100,000 \$71,850 \$62,661 }	1,159	...	...	...
REFINERIES.								
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$520,000 \$83,620 }	Dr. \$,090	\$10 per share for 1909	5 1/2 %	\$172 sellers
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited.....	7,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$520,000 \$83,620 }	Dr. \$135.8	\$5 for 1897	...	\$28 sellers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited.....	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ \$520,000 \$83,620 }	Tls. 6.02	Tls. 10 for year ending 31.12.09	...	Tls. 950 sellers
MINING.								
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd.....	1,000,000	£1	£1	{ £215,000 £84,390 none }	£1,435	Final of 1/6 making 3/- for 1909	9 %	Tls. 8
Headwaters Mining Company	60,000	Pa. 10	Pa. 10	{ £215,000 £84,390 none }	none	First year	...	...
Raub Australasian Gold Mining Company, Limited {	150,000	£1	18/10	{ £215,000 £84,390 none }	Dr. £,171	\$1 per share 13th dividend	5 %	18 sellers
Oriental Consolidated Mining Co., Ltd.	50,000	G \$10	G \$10	{ £215,000 £84,390 none }	none	Final of Gold \$0.65 for 1909 in all G. \$1.15	...	35/-
Docks, Wharves & Godowns.	50,000	G \$10	G \$10	{ £215,000 £84,390 none }	none	...	...	...
Fenwick (Geo.) & Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	\$25	{ \$25,275 \$25,275 \$25,275 }	Dr. \$8,460	1 1/2 % for year ending 31.12.06	...	\$0
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd...	60,000	\$550	\$50	{ \$550,000 \$23,693 \$20,000 \$88,442 \$122,000 Tls. 1,000,000 }	\$264,847	\$2 1/2 for 1909	4 1/2 %	\$58 buyers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd.	50,000	\$50	\$50	{ \$550,000 \$23,693 \$20,000 \$88,442 \$122,000 Tls. 1,000,000 }	\$132,735	Interim of \$1 1/2 for account 1909	...	\$59 sellers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.....	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ \$550,000 \$23,693 \$20,000 \$88,442 \$122,000 Tls. 1,000,000 }	Tls. 6.16	Interim of Tls. 2 1/2 for 1910.....	6 1/2 %	Tls. 78
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company, Limited...	36,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ \$550,000 \$23,693 \$20,000 \$88,442 \$122,000 Tls. 1,000,000 }	Tls. 0.222	Final of Tls. 4 for 1909	7 %	Tls. 122
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.								
Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd.	25,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 15,000 Tls. 15,000 Tls. 15,000 }	Tls. 4,314	Tls. 6 for year ending 29.2.09	5 1/2 %	Tls. 102 sellers
Central Stores, Limited	50,125	\$15	\$15	{ Tls. 15,000 Tls. 15,000 Tls. 15,000 }	\$24,611	\$1.20 on old and 60 cents on first new issue	...	\$16 buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	\$50	{ Tls. 15,000 Tls. 15,000 Tls. 15,000 }	\$1,277	\$2.50 on old shares and 1.50 on new shares	2 %	\$107 1/2
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	{ Tls. 15,000 Tls. 15,000 Tls. 15,000 }	\$27.9	for half year ending 31.12.09	6 1/2 %	\$102 sellers
Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited ...	150,000	\$10	\$10	{ Tls. 15,000 Tls. 15,000 Tls. 15,000 }	\$5,771	Interim of 3/- for account 1909	6 %	\$81
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited.....	6,000	\$50	\$50	{ Tls. 15,000 Tls. 15,000 Tls. 15,000 }	\$19	45 cents for 1909	8 1/2 %	\$31 b. and sa.
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 15,000 Tls. 15,000 Tls. 15,000 }	Tls. 63,969	\$2 1/2 for 1909	6 1/2 %	Tls. 110
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	{ Tls. 15,000 Tls. 15,000 Tls. 15,000 }	...	Final of 1 1/2 for account 1909.....	8 1/2 %	\$40 sellers
COTTON MILLS.								
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd...	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 5	{ Tls. 250,000 Tls. 40,098 }	12,991	Tls. 11 for year ending 31.12.09	8 1/2 %	Tls. 130 1/2 sellers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	125,000	\$10	\$1	{ Tls. 250,000 Tls. 40,098 }	\$2,555	50 cents for year ending 31.7.08	8 %	\$6 1/2 sellers
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ltd...	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	{ Tls. 250,000 Tls. 40,098 }	Tls. 3,372	Tls. 7 1/2 for year ending 31.9.09	12 %	Tls. 62
Loou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 250,000 Tls. 40,098 }	Tls. 4,870	Tls. 6 for 1909	7 %	Tls. 74
Sey Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited.....	2,000	Tls. 600	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 250,000 Tls. 40,098 }	Tls. 31,173	Tls. 25 for 1909	10 %	Tls. 250
MISCELLANEOUS.								
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12/6	12/6	{ £1,500 £1,500 £1,500 }	£204	15 % per share for 1908	...	\$10 buyers
China-Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	{ £1,500 £1,500 £1,500 }	NIL	60 cents for 1909	6 %	\$107 sellers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	{ £1,500 £1,500 £1,500 }	\$61,131	10 cents for year ended 23.2.06	...	\$2 sellers
Do. Do. special shares	50,000	\$1	\$1	{ £1,500 £1,500 £1,500 }	2,602	80 cents for 1909	9 %	\$53 sales
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ltd.	125,000	\$10	\$10	{ £1,500 £1,500 £1,500 }	\$1,000	\$1.20 for year ending 31.7.09	6 1/2 %	\$19 sales
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$7 1/2	\$6	{ £1,500 £1,500 £1,500 }	\$1,891	Final of 40 cents making in all 75 cents per share for 1909	10 %	\$7 1/2 sellers
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	400,000	\$10	\$10	{ £1,500 £1,500 £1,500 }	\$4,390	80 cents for year ending 31.12.08	6 1/2 %	\$12
H. Price & Company, Limited	12,000	\$10	\$10	{ £1,500 £1,500 £1,500 }	\$670	A dividend of \$1.20 per share and a bonus of 10 cents	6 %	\$10
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	{ £1,500 £1,500 £1,500 }	\$17,798	Final of \$8 for 1909	6 %	\$160 sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	\$25	{ £1,500 £1,500 £1,500 }	\$7,616	Final of \$1 making in all \$2 for 1909	9 %	\$12 1/2 sellers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd.....	60,000	\$10	\$10	{ £1,500 £1,500 £1,500 }	\$9,176	4th interim of Tls. 12 1/2 for 1909	5 %	Tls. 1,475
Maatschappij tot Mijl. Bosch. en Landbouwerij op de Lantak, Limited	25,000	Gs. 100	Gs. 100	{ £1,500 £1,500 £1,500 }	Tls. 316,682	80 cents on fully paid shares and 8 cents on 1/2 paid shares for year ending 30.4.10 ..	5 1/2 %	\$14 1/2 ex div. \$14 ex div. b.
Peak Tramways Company, Limited	25,000	\$10	\$10	{ £1,500 £1,500 £1,500 }	\$3,014	None	...	\$10 buyers
Peak Tramways Company (new)	50,000	\$10	\$10	{ £1,500 £1,500 £1,500 }	Pa. 18,640	None	...	...
Philippine Company, Limited	75,000	\$10	\$10	{ £1,500 £1,500 £1,500 }	...	Final Tls. 5 making Tls. 8 for 1908	2 %	Tls. 240 sellers
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 20	Tls. 20	{ £1,500 £1,500 £1,500 }	Tls. 5,250	None	...	\$25 buyers
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	\$25	\$25	{ £1,500 £1,500 £1,500 }	Dr. \$31,006	40 cents for year ending 31.5.09	8 %	\$5 buyers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$25	\$5	{ £1,500 £1,500 £1,500 }	\$63	60 cents for year ending 31.12.08	8 %	\$9 sellers
Union Waterboat Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	{ £1,500 £1,500 £1,500 }	none	60 cents per ord. share for year ending 31.5.09	5 %	\$14 sellers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	{ £1,500 £1,500 £1,500 }	\$342	Final of 50 cents for 1908	6 1/2 %	\$6 1/2 buyers
Watson (A.S.) & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	{ £1,500 £1,500 £1,500 }	\$2,613	Final of 30 cts. making 80 cts. for the year ended 30th June, 1906	...	\$3 sellers
William Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	\$7	{ £1,500 £1,500 £1,500 }	\$782	First year	...	\$35 sales
Societe des Pulpes et Papeteries du Tonkin.....	1,200	Halpence	25	{ £1,500 £1,500 £1,500 }	none	...	...	...

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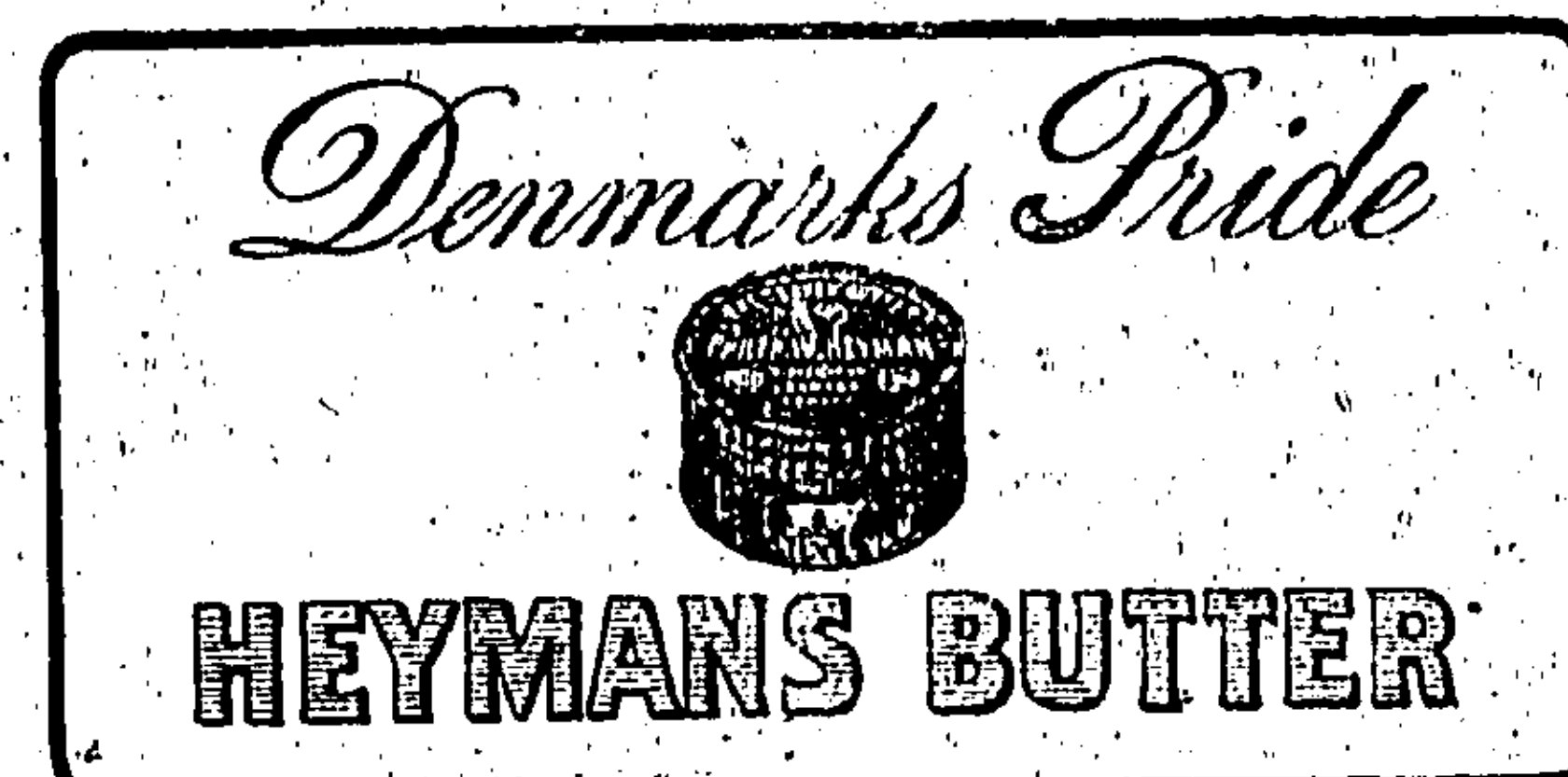
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